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FEMA to hold public assistance briefing Comet staff report

Public assistance applicants are notified to attend an applicant briefing to be eligible for funding. Applicants may include: • Highway and city/town street departments; • County surveyors; • Publicly owned water treatment plants; • Publicly owned sewer systems; • County/city wells, water supplies; • County/city waste management; • Public buildings, schools, libraries; • County courthouse; • County/city fire departments; • County/city infrastructure • Private non-profits; and • Non-profits ditch districts.

A representative from each entity will need to be present to sign the Request for Public Assistance at the Applicant Briefing. (If the request is not submitted, the entity will not be eligible for funding).

Also, the person who will be doing the applicant's paperwork should attend the Applicant Briefing. Bring telephone and fax numbers along with other contact numbers to the meeting. (If FEMA cannot locate or contact the recipient, funding will not be forthcoming).

Instructions and forms will be available at the Applicant Briefing. Those with documentation of completed costs are asked to bring them along. Kick-off meetings can immediately follow the Applicant Briefing.

FEMA inspectors will be present to start scheduling appointments.

For additional information contact, Carmen L. Spencer, Public Assistance Program Coordinator, Indiana Department of Homeland Security Emergency Response & Recovery Division, Indiana Government Center S. 302 W Washington St. W-046, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or call (317) 233-4626 or by Email at cspencer@dhs.in.gov.

14 First Alert: Flash flood warning

Updated: May 8, 2008 06:33 PM EDT

Update, 5:30 p.m.

Safety tips from the Red Cross of Southern Indiana

Evansville is currently under a flash flood warning. Rain is also expected to persist throughout the evening. More people die nationwide each year from flash floods than any other natural disasters combined.

The Red Cross of Southern Indiana has a few tips for you and your family in dealing with flash flood conditions.

*Do not drive around barricades-they are there for a reason!

*Do not drive through water-even an inch of water can carry your vehicle away.

*If your car stalls in water, abandon it immediately and either get on top of the car or move to higher ground.

*Raise your furnace, water heater, and electric panels if areas of your home are prone to flooding.

*Stay tuned to local media for important information and instructions

For more information visit the [Red Cross of Southern Indiana](#)

New Media Producer: [Rachel Folz](#)

Update, 4:00 PM: A flash flood warning remains in effect until 5:15 p.m. for western Warrick and eastern Vanderburgh counties.

At 3:28 p.m. the National Weather Service Doppler Radar indicated that although the first round of heavy rain was ending over the southeast part of Evansville, another band was just forming to the west.

Another round of heavy rain is possible over Evansville and up toward Chandler.

Another inch or two of rain is possible in the warned area. Flooding is occurring or is imminent.

Most flood related deaths occur in automobiles. Do not attempt to cross water covered bridges, dips or low water crossings.

Never try to cross a flowing stream, even a small one, on foot. To escape rising water move up

to higher ground.

Chief Meteorologist: [Jeff Lyons](#)

New Media Producer: [Amanda Lents](#)

Previously: Jeff says most of Thursday's showers and thunderstorms have shifted to the east.

We'll have a chance to dry out on Friday and Saturday before another round of showers and thunderstorms moves through on Saturday night and early Sunday.

Temperatures will cool a bit over the weekend, but will stay near the seasonal normals for this time of the year.

Weather for the Owensboro Bar-B-Que festival should be good on Friday and the first half of Saturday, but rain chances will increase greatly by Saturday night.

May 9, 2008

Downpour brings flooding to Evansville

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. -- A sudden downpour caused street flooding and forced some residents out of their apartments in Evansville.

The National Weather Service says three-tenths of an inch of rain had fallen in the city as of 4 p.m. Thursday. More rain is in the forecast for the weekend.

Ground floor apartments at the Lucas Place apartments were flooded with more than one inch of water during the afternoon downpour. Lucas Place is a transitional housing program for people who would otherwise be homeless. Workers used vacuums to dry out the apartments and hallways.

The rain also flooded several intersections and portions of the Lloyd Expressway in downtown Evansville.



May 9, 2008

Flood victims to be surveyed for needs

By *ERIC WEDDLE*

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Three months after floods damaged area homes, survivors still need help getting their lives back to normal.

"People don't realize it but there are a lot of folks with a lot of needs out there," said Alan Welch, director of Disaster Assistance for Northwest Indiana, a long-term recovery agency formed in response to the January and February floods.

Starting Monday, teams from the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee Disaster Response program, often called "green shirts" because of their attire, will go door to door in flood-damaged areas of Monticello, Remington, and along the Tippecanoe River in Carroll County, interviewing residents about their situation and identifying needs. Beginning Thursday, walk-in centers will be open.

"We will ask people about three areas: construction, household and personal," said Garry Den Besten, an assessment team leader who will conduct surveys.

Welch's group, also known as DANI, will examine the results and prioritize the needs, which can range from replacing furniture, offering mental health counseling or construction assistance.

More than 1,300 people applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency grants in DANI's eight county area of focus, Welch said. Of those he expects 130 individuals and families will need additional aid.

"These are folks who have already gone to FEMA and have received the money," Welch said of the possible \$28,800 they received. "But much of the damage was much, much greater than that amount."

FEMA estimated \$1.2 million will cover those needs and DANI's operational costs for about 18 months, Welch said.

That estimate includes construction and replacing household items though Welch hopes volunteer work and donations will lower the amount of actual cash needed.

All funding will come from donations and grants.

Recovery programs take time and understanding individual's needs, said Gordon Johnson, American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana chief director.

"Flooding disasters are the most costly in the United States," he said. "It creates so much work, too, for many different people to handle."

More than 30 local faith- and community-based organizations that make up DANI will be the initial responders to the requests. The groups are from Tippecanoe, Benton, Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Pulaski and White counties.